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NEW DTH POLICY

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated a 'New DTH Policy' for promoting greater investment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, time limit by which the new policy would be formulated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c): In March, 2001, the Government notified guidelines for seeking Direct to Home (DTH) license by private parties to set up and operate DTH service. The guidelines permit an Indian entity to have foreign equity holding, including FII/NRI/OCB upto 49%, with a 20% cap on FDI. The Ministry is not envisaging the formulation of a new policy.